



Welcome to worship at United Church of Christ Norwell. Whether you are a member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first-time visitor, know you are welcomed here. We hope you will find your time among us inspiring and leave feeling strengthened and transformed by the love of God in Christ.

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**Activity bags are also available for children** to use (a Deacon or usher can assist you). Audio of the worship service can also be heard in the library. Please note that a parent must remain with their child(ren) in the library to supervise them.

This morning service is being live streamed and available for viewing on our Vimeo channel and Facebook page.

**United Church of Christ Norwell**

*We are a Christ-centered inclusive community called to ministry.*

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# United Church of Christ Norwell

*An Open and Affirming Church*

July 30, 2023

9:00 a.m.

## *We Gather in God's Name*

Call of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #27

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Leanne Walt

Dear God,

This morning we gather at the altar of your unending compassion and we place upon it the measure of our shortcomings. We do not always love as you command, neither our enemies nor our neighbors. We make judgments where you would have us open our hearts. We harbor resentment where you would have us lean into grace. We walk away from misunderstandings where you would have us step into the breach.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to know the mind of Christ so that we can honor his life through our own. Amen.

*Let us now bring our silent confessions before a listening God.*

Assurance of Grace

Beloved, the love of Jesus is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. Your sins have been heard and forgiven.

Rejoice in this good news of our faith.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

Musical Response #274 *I Love Your Church, O God (v.1 & 4)* ST. THOMAS  
v. 1 *I love your church, O God, on earth your blest abode,  
The people our redeemer served with his own precious blood.*  
v. 4 *Beyond my highest joys, I prize your people's ways,  
the sweet communion, solemn vows, the hymns of love and praise*

### *We Receive God's Word*

Scripture 1 Kings 10:1-5, 13

Sermon *Queen of Sheeba: The Royal Traveler* Rev. Leanne Walt

Musical Interlude *It Is Well* Arr. Jay Althouse  
Stephanie Barry, flute Mijin Choi, piano

### *We Respond to God's Love*

Prayers of the People Rev. Leanne Walt

Call to Offering

Please sign and pass the Red Book (in aisle seats) so we may greet each other by name.  
If you are with us for the first time, please add your contact information.  
You may also join our mailing list by texting Uccnorwell to 228-28.

Offertory *Simple Gifts* Arr. Anna Laura Page  
Stephanie Barry, flute Mijin Choi, piano

\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

### *We Depart to Serve*

\*Hymn #458 *Ours the Journey* Julian B. Rush

\*Benediction

Postlude *Allegro* Georg Philipp Telemann  
Stephanie Barry, flute Mijin Choi, piano

\* Please stand, as you are able

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